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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC
for Approval of Accounting Order to Defer Incremental COVID-19 Expenses to
Be Included in Future Rate Proceedings
Docket No: 2020-195-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By Order No. 2020-195-E issued in the above referenced docket on October 21, 2020, the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requested the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) to provide a report on the status of the docket by January 20, 2021.

ORS has received and reviewed materials provided by Duke Energy Carolina and Duke Energy Progress (collectively “Duke”) in this docket. However, ORS believes that further review of updated information would provide a more thorough review of Duke’s request.

This Office has also conferred with Duke regarding the status of their request for an Accounting Order. The parties mutually agree that recently enacted federal laws addressing COVID aid and recovery should be studied before further action is taken in this docket.

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ORS therefore asks that the Commission suspend the dates in this docket both for the ORS report and the public hearing currently scheduled for March 4, 2021 until the parties have had the opportunity to conduct additional review, research and discovery.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

s/ Jeffrey M. Nelson

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